

By a birthday unknown freak of leap year the poor old calendar has been bookended into giving three double holidays to the nation during 1908. They will be Washington birthday, Saturday, May 30, and Memorial Day, Sunday, May 31, and Saturday, July 4. The Sunday following will in each instance give the overworked clerk and the time-torn business man two days in which to acquire a new taste for the routine.

Christmas and New Year's, a week apart, have a way of dropping down on the nation about Saturday, Sunday or Monday, but as they are by a wise provision of Providence always in different years, they have never been able to bring about the situation which now exists on the 1908 calendar.

Leap Year, by placing twenty-nine days in February, has made Washington's birthday fall on the same day of the week as Memorial day, and the famous Fourth. This makes Feb. 22 exactly fourteen weeks earlier than Memorial day. The latter is always five weeks before the Fourth of July.

MEMORIAL DAY'S FIRST OFFENSE. This is the first time that Memorial day has been an assistant in the mixing up of the calendar since it was placed on the state holiday schedule. In 1904 the three holidays were far enough in the middle of the year to escape the whims of the tricky leap year, while in 1905 the extra day was omitted. Before that time Memorial day was not generally a legal holiday, and had been observed by G. A. R. posts only locally.

HEROES WANT NATION DRY. M. E. Bishop, with 5,000,000 followers, for temperance. Washington, Feb. 15.—At the conference of Bishops of the Negro Methodist Episcopal churches of the United States, who declare that they are the religious leaders of about 2,000,000 communicants in America, and with a following of over 5,000,000, greetings were today sent to their countrymen in particular and the race in general. They declare that "we hail with delight the great tidal wave of temperance now sweeping this country and feel assured our race will not be less among its beneficiaries and promoters."

They heartily commend all efforts to rid the country of the rum traffic. They pledge their support to the movement, and urge the race, especially those qualified to rule, to give the cause their united support until liquor is driven out of the country. An appeal is made to the friends of humanity to use their influence to rid the country of mob violence and for the banishment of peonage and the convict-labor system. They appeal also for the removal of the "Jim Crow" car laws, declaring that the colored people are the noblest and best of the race while at the same time we are compelled to pay the same fare for inferior accommodations.

They appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States to annul laws in violation of the Federal Constitution; to the legislatures of the Southern States where disfranchisement laws have been enacted; to Congress to repeal the enactments which, they declare, "have robbed us of the rights guaranteed to us by the Federal Constitution." Finally they appeal "for all the rights guaranteed to the citizens of this Republic."

WABASH HAD COSTLY WRECK. Wabash freight train derailed near Mexico, resulting in much damage. At 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning one of a half mile west of Mexico, Wabash freight train No. 96 derailed 100 cars, resulting in sixty being killed and damaged to the tune of \$1,000.

The train encountered a low place in the track west of Mexico and this led to a car being derailed, nine other cars following it off the tracks. The derailed cars were loaded with stock and merchandise and sixty hogs were slaughtered and the cars damaged to the amount of about \$1,000.

The wrecker went down from Mexico and cleared up the track in about four hours. They took along 150 tons and rebuilt the damaged track. Passenger trains derailed by the C. & A. from Mexico to Clark and arrived here several hours late.

Mexico Couple Wed on Stage. Columbia (Mo.) Tribune. Harry Jordan and Miss Clara Randall, a Mexico couple, were married on the stage of the Bijou theatre Wednesday evening to get a ten dollar gold piece that had been offered by the management.

Attention, M. W. A. Important meeting 4th Tuesday evening. Election of Delegates to County Convention and several adjournments. Large attendance desired. J. W. Plunkett, Clerk. D. A. Murphy. Will-4P 24, 25

Page 890 Years Old Suspects. Doubtless the man started the Peking Gazette in the year 1819 thought it was going to fill a long-term want, and yet it has suspended publication, after a brief and precarious existence of only 890 years.

Court Notes. The case of Geo. Deane vs. C. B. & Q. railroad was continued. R. R. Arnold, Sr., has the thanks of the Ledger for late Chattanooga, Tenn., papers. We will continue the 25 per cent discount on Suits and Overcoats. dl-wl Joseph Barth.

Mrs. Charles Arnold is home from Kansas City. City Collector J. D. McKee is in Texas on a visit to relatives.

County News. The children in several families are down with measles. A little daughter of Beuregard Underwood is in a dangerous condition with pneumonia.

James McCordick, a former Auditor citizen, but now of Colorado, was shaking hands with old friends here last week. Miss Gertrude McCall has been suffering with la grippe for several days.

Chas. W. Stuart found that even a Notary Public was not impervious to the ravages of la grippe. Rev. Tucker, of Lincoln county, who preaches at the Littlefield Baptist church, exhibited more grit than his parishioners are supposed to possess. He got off of the train here last Saturday and not finding any of his flock here to meet him, struck out about 200 ft. W. Crawford, about eight miles north of here. Generally our modern preachers would have thought it an impossibility. We want to hear that man preach. There is something about him as well as theology.

THE RAILS HAVE BEEN NEARLY IMPASSABLE. They were pretty well decorated with disabled vehicles, but they are frozen now and somewhat improved. Tom Cleaton has bought the Ambrose Hulen property in Centraha, and will move there the first of March. He wants to rent his farm. Price Cunningham will have a sale the 28 of Feb. Mr. Atkins is not expected to live. He is ill of pneumonia. There is universal regret over the death of Joe Morris. He had many friends in this community. Leona Spencer, the sweet little girl who sang for us at Salt River Children's Day, is dangerously sick. We hope for her recovery. Mary Alice Dempsey is visiting her aunt in Gaist. There is quite an epidemic of la grippe. THOMPSON. Mrs. Hanson Spurling is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Wright, of near Moberly, this week. G. W. Wisdom and wife were guests of G. W. Vandenberg and other friends last week. Mrs. J. C. Daniels was here over Sunday with her parents, J. T. Cogswell and wife. Ben Bram and T. B. Ridgeway left Tuesday for Texas. Joe Conditine attended the Republican convention in Mexico, Friday and Saturday. Joe is a member of the Republican Central Committee. T. J. Cogswell is slowly improving after a spell of the grippe. Mrs. E. F. Elliott was called to Hallsville for several days last week, on account of her father's sickness. Geo. W. Wilson will move near Sheldon, Vernon County, Texas. This is near the place of Barton County. Mr. Wilson sold his farm to Mrs. E. E. Brown. James Cogswell and wife, of Slater, have been here over a week with their father, who has been sick. E. F. Elliott received a car of implements Monday, which are being unloaded. He has several Gang plows spoken for already. The writer read a letter from J. E. Jesse this week. He is now at Quanah, Texas, with his brother, Rev. J. S. Jones. He writes that he is well pleased with that country and may locate there some day. T. B. Ridgeway, has traded his fine farm at this place, for a section of land near Hereford, Texas. He will move about August next. We are sorry that this trade will be made.